(c) the quantum and percentage of loss of foodgrains in storage and transport during the same period; and

(d) the steps taken by Government to cut down such losses?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) As on 1-6-1987, the Food Corporation of India had a total covered capacity, both owned and hired, of 212.20 lakh tonnes. In addition, the Corporation had also a CAP (cover and plinth) capacity of 5.42 lakh tonnes (owned and hired).

(b) The quantity of foodgrains procured by the Government during the last 3 years is as follows:—

Crop Year	Quantity (in lakh tonnes)
1984-85	204·21
1985-86 (Prov.) . . .	204·71
1986-87 (upo 24-7-1987)	170.03

The quantity of foodgrains stored in FCI godowns during the last 3 years is given below:—

Year (As on 1st January)	Quantity (in lakh) tonnes)
1985	176·35
1986	168·77
1987	164·49

(c) The details of the total loss (Stg. and Transit) are as under:—

(Qyt. in lakh tonnes)

Year	Turnover Purchase + Sales	Qty. of loss	% of loss to turnover
1983-84 .	319·00	6·74	2·11
1984-85 .	295·14	5·72	1·94
1985-86 . .	368·40	5·95	1·62

The accounts for the year 1986-87 are under finalisation.

(d) The Food Corporation of India has taken a number of steps to reduce the losses such as enforcing 100 per cent weighment at the handing points of foodgrains to the extent possible, additional installation of weighbridges, stricter quality control at the time of purchase, better preservation, reduction in quantum of filling, machine stitching, effective supervision, surprise checks and construction/hiring of additional storage capacity.

Procurement of Foodgrains

685. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) what was the production of foodgrains during the last three years;

(b) what was the procurement of foodgrains by Government agencies during the last three years; and

(c) what is the estimate of production of foodgrains during the current financial year and what is the target of procurement of foodgrains by the Government Agencies?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) and (b):—

(in million tonnes)

Crop year	Production	Procurement by Public agencies
1983-84 . . .	152·37	17·07
1984-85 . . .	145·54	20·42
1985-86 . . . (Provilsional)	150·47	20·47

(c) During the 1986-87 crop year, the estimated foodgrains' production is 149 to 150 million tonnes. No procurement targets are fixed as wheat, paddy and coarsegrains are procured to extend price support.

Clearance of Narmada Basin Project

686. SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have cleared the Narmada Basin Project for execution despite stiff opposition from its own environment